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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Each document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited during the prosecution of the corresponding European or PCT applications. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is attached as Document B5 setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

B1 and B3 are English-language counterparts of foreign-language document WO 01/72993 that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of October 7, 2004. Document B4 is not in English, but an English abstract is found on page 1 of B4 and in Document B7. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.


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